CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A chinrest pad system for use with a chinrest including a chinrest member with a support surface, two adjustable clamping elements, each said clamping element includes an upper metal rod that connects to said chinrest member and a lower metal rod that includes a lower flange plate and a turnbuckle, said pad system comprising;

a. an upper pad with an flat outside surface and a lower inside surface that matches the curvature of a upper angled edge and adjacent surface of a string instrument, said upper pad also including a rearward extending lip that partially extends around said upper angled edge and prevents said upper metal rod on said clamping element from contacting said upper angle edge of said string instrument; and,

b. a lower pad with a flat outside surface and an inside surface that matches the curvature of a lower angled edge and adjacent surface of a string instrument, said lower pad also including a rearward extending lip structure that prevents said lower metal rod on said clamping element from contacting said lower angled edge of said string instrument.

2. The chinrest pad system as recited in Claim 1, wherein said upper pad is a narrow, elongated structure that extends transversely under a chinrest member.

3. The chinrest pad system, as recited in Claim 2, wherein said upper pad is made of elastic material.

4. The chinrest pad system, as recited in Claim 4, wherein said upper pad is made of

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cork.

5. The chinrest pad system as recited in Claim 1, wherein said lower pad is a narrow, elongated structure.

6. The chinrest pad system as recited in Claim 5, wherein said lower pad is made of elastic material.

7. The chinrest pad system as recited in Claim 6, wherein said lower pad is made of cork.

8. The chinrest pad system as recited in Claim 2, wherein said lower pad is a narrow, elongated structure.

9. The chinrest pad system as recited in Claim 8, wherein said lower pad is made of elastic material.

10. The chinrest pad system as recited in Claim 9, wherein said lower pad is made of cork.

11. The chinrest pad system, as recited in Claim 1, wherein said lower pad is flat triangular structure.

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12. The chinrest pad system, as recited in Claim 11, wherein said lower pad is made of elastic material.

13. The chinrest pad system as recited in Claim 12, wherein said lower pad is made of cork.

14. A method for minimizing dampening and preventing damaged cause by a chinrest on a string instrument, comprising the following steps:

a. selecting a chinrest 8 that includes a chinrest member 32 with a support surface 34, two adjustable clamping elements 40, 40', each said clamping element 40, 40' includes at least one upper metal rod 42 that connects to said chinrest member 32, a turnbuckle, and a lower metal rod 46 that includes a lower flange 47

b. selecting an upper pad 15 that includes an inside surface 16 that matches the curvature of the top surface 92 of a string instrument 90 and a flat outside surface17, said upper pad 15 also including a rearward extending lip structure 20 that prevents said upper metal rod 42 on said clamping element 40 from contacting the lower angled edge 97 of the string instrument 90;

c. positioning said upper pad 15 over said instrument so that said outside surface 27 is disposed under said support surface on said chinrest member 32;

d. selecting a lower pad 25 that includes a flat outside surface surface 28 and an inside surface 26 that matches the curvature of a lower angled edge 97 and adjacent surface 96 of said instrument 92, said lower pad 25 also including a rearward extending lip structure 30 that prevents said lower metal rod 46 or 46' on said clamping element 40, or 40' from

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contacting the lower angled edge 97 on said instrument 92.

e. positioning said outside surface 28 of said lower pad 25 on said flange 47 on said clamping member 40; and,

f. positioning said chinrest member 32 over said instrument 90 so that said inside surface 16 on said upper pad 15 engages the upper angled edge 93 and adjacent surface 92 of said instrument 90;

g. positioning said clamping member 32 so that said inside surface 26 of said lower pad 25 engages the lower angle edge 97 and adjacent surface 96 of said string instrument 90;

h. adjusting said clamping element 40 until said chinrest member 32 is held securely on said instrument 90.

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